

REMARKS

Claims 47-49, 52-53, 56-57, 60, 63, 66, 69-74, 76-83, 87-93, 95-100 have been previously allowed in the present application. New claims 101 and 102 have been added to the application. Support for these new claims is found in original claims 50 and 54, as filed, as well as in the specification at page 20, lines 5-6 and 15-16. No new matter is added by these amendments. Therefore, claims 47-49, 52-53, 56-57, 60, 63, 66, 6983, 87-93, 95-102 are currently pending.

The present amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

Applicants also note that on February 10, 2004, an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted with 9 references. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return the initialed PTO/SB/08 form to the undersigned.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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Respectfully submitted,

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